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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY, GUANTANAMO, AND CHINESE NAVAL FORCE BUILDUP

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Wednesday morning
included the enactment on Tuesday of a second
supplementary budget.

¶2. "New Environment Policy to Call for Change in U.S.
Industries" The business-oriented Nikkei argued in an
editorial (1/28): "President Obama revealed his plans
to impose stricter vehicle emission standards
equivalent to those in Japan and Europe. The President
also plans to approve California's tighter regulations
on vehicle emissions by altering the policy held by the
Bush administration. The start of the Obama
administration, which advocates environmental
protection, may call for structural change in U.S.
industries, including the auto business."

¶3. "Seriousness of New Administration Determined" The
conservative Sankei stated in an editorial (1/28):
"President Obama put forward a new policy on the
environment, including stricter vehicle emission
standards. This is the first step for the 'Green New
Deal' initiative, which the President advocated in his
campaign pledge... President Obama said that America is
ready to lead in fight against climate change.
Additional specific measures will be needed for the
U.S. to play that role. The seriousness of the new
administration is being determined."

¶4. "Dark Side of War on Terrorism to Disappear" The
liberal Asahi editorialized (1/28): "A negative legacy
of the war on terror will finally disappear. President
Obama ordered to close the detention facilities at
Guantanamo Bay Naval Base within a year... We welcome
the President's efforts to correct a mistake in the

past... This is an important first step to restore the damaged trust in the U.S."

[15](#). "What's The Purpose of China's Naval Force Buildup?"
The moderate Yomiuri wrote in an editorial (1/28): "...
The defense white paper issued by the Chinese
government gave no answer to the question about
Beijing's purpose of its continuing buildup of the
naval force, including the construction of aircraft
carriers... Not only Japan, but also India and
Southeast Asian nations are interested in China's
construction of aircraft carriers. Beijing should give a
clear explanation."

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